

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Wednesday, May 3, 2006

10:30 a.m.

307 House Office Building

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Robertson, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori.

Representative Clack moved to excuse absent members.

Representative Meyer supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: Representative Virgil Smith.

Representative Pearce moved to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2006 meeting.

Representative Meyer supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 6004 before the committee.

HB 6004 Palmer	Education; intermediate school districts; procedures for the election of intermediate school district boards and certain provisions concerning intermediate school district expenditures; revise.
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Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, testified in support of HB 6004.

The following people submitted cards in support of HB 6004, but did not wish to speak:

Dave Ladd, representing Northern Michigan Schools Legislative Association,
Robert Lefevre, representing the Macomb Intermediate School District,
Brad Biladeau, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators and the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators.

Representative Gosselin moved to report out HB 6004 with recommendation.

Representative Polidori supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 18-0-0.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Robertson, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Clack, Vagnozzi and Polidori,

Nays: None,

Pass: None.

HB 6004 reported out with recommendation.

The Chair laid HJR M before the committee.

HJR M Palmer Legislature; auditor general; auditor general to audit public intermediate and local school districts; allow.

Representative Palmer testified in support of HJR M and submitted testimony.*

Tom McTavish, the Michigan Auditor General, testified and stated a neutral position on HJR M.

Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, testified in opposition to HJR M.

Brad Biladeau, representing the Michigan Association of School Administrators and the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators, testified in opposition to HJR M.

Dave Ladd, representing the Northern Michigan Schools Legislative Association, submitted a card in opposition to HJR M, but did not wish to speak.

Robert Lefevre, representing the Macomb Intermediate School District, submitted a card in opposition to HJR M, but did not wish to speak.

The committee took no further action on HJR M.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 1:00 p.m.

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
May 3, 2006
2 hours 30 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates written material submitted.